it pleased the Prince to take his way to his lodging, with the
sound of trumpets and his attendants

2,1st December PLAYS OF THE WEEK

The plays at the Rose Theatre this last week were *lamburlane. The Second Part of Tamburlane, Doctor Faustus*

-z^th December [c] A CONFERENCE ABOUT THE NEXT SUC-
CESSION '

There are being circulated in England some copies of a book called *A Conference about the next Succession to the Crown of England^* dedicated to the Earl of Essex, which was published abroad and written by one N Doleman, who is believed to be Parsons the Jesuit

The alleged occasion of the treatise was a meeting in Amster-
dam after the late Parliament of certain gentlemen of divers nations qualities and affections, who, hearing that the question of the succession had not been settled by the Parliament in England, began to debate the matter, and especially two lawyers, who agreed that each should deliver his opinion on the case, the one considering the principles of succession, the other the claims of those who pretend to the succession in England

The first argueth that government by nearness of blood is not the law of nature nor is it divine law , and being only by human law, might upon just causes be altered, and the King deposed The second, enumerating those who have claim by birth and family, noteth the King of Scots, whose favourers (of whom there are but few in England) believe him the first and chiefest pretender In this line also is the Lady Arabella Stuart, whom the Lord Treasurer is supposed to

favour

The Puritans at home are thought to be the most vigorous of the parties in religion, having a great part of the best captains and soldiers on their side, but the Catholics by reason of the persecution of seminarists are also strong The Earl of Beauchamp and the Earl of Derby have some voices, as also the Earl of Huntingdon

But whoever shall succeed it is likely that the affair cannot